Dawkins 1870

faithfully yours
A Sedgwick

Sedgwick

Trin: Coll: Tuesday Nov. 3.

My dear Sir.

Before I received your last letter, I had, at Mr. Murchison's request, sent back a short abstract of my paper. It was directed to Mr. Murchison at the Geological society's rooms and was contained in a small parcel. I hope it arrived safe. About the same time I received a set of drawings from Mr. Scharf which came to a much less sum than I expected. I will endeavour to follow your advice and take the specimens with me to Paris. Half a dozen letters have been dispatched by me to the north baited in such a way that I was in hopes they might bring more fish into the meshes of the Geological Society: but I have had no answers yet.

If any small packing case comes to the Geological Society directed to me. Pray take a peep at it, and if it smells of fish send me word but keep the case till I arrive. Or perhaps you wd. have the kindness to send them to Scharf to keep company with the other part of St. Anthony's Congregation. —— I have during a few days of leisure (while I was almost confined to my rooms by a detestable cold) run my eye over the 1st. part of my intended Paper and have put it in such a state that it may be read. If the Society is in want of papers I will send it up directly. In order that you may be able to inform the Council what this part is, I must tell you that my Paper is in 3 parts. The first Contains. Introductory matter; a description of the external appearance of the country, of Mag. Limestone; its distribution, given in very great detail; [I hope this portion may be abridged in reading; otherwise it will suffocate the Socy. at the outset]; a description of sixteen outliers — only four of wh. are drawn in Smith's maps; Lastly the great relations of the limestone to the coal measures — giving an abstract of a series of observations commencing at Nottingham and ending in Northumberland. The last portion is, I flatter myself, of some value. At least it puts the thing in its true light. And the Society is bound to make some amende after the erroneous views it propagated in a former paper —— All this part, as I said before, is in a state to be read. I refer to one or two sections which will appear with the 2d Part. | The 2d Part will contain an acct. of the formation, its divisions, fossils &c &c. The 3d. and last part will contain a series of sections partly intended as proofs of what was said in the 2d. part; a description of some remarkable faults; a short description of the valleys of denudation; and a synopsis of the whole —— Have the goodness to write a day or two & believe me Dear Sir very truly yours

A Sedgwick ——

P.S. Don't suppose that I want to have the present

part off my hands. It would perhaps be more conve-
nient to me to keep it till I had finished the second
part. I merely make the offer if it be considered
more convenient. I have heard you complain of want of
papers: but not I should think at this part of the

T. Webster Esq
Geological Society
Bedford St. Covent Garden
London

year. Mention the subject to the Council
or not as you see best,

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Cambridge May 1
1871

Dear Sir

The opening of May-day was so cold & tempestuous that I was prevented from meeting a party of friends at my Museum. But the sun has appeared since then, & tempted me to walk to my Museum; & while there my Assistant Keeper showed me a capital flint imple- -ment from one of the celebrated lo- -calities in the North of France which you had kindly sent for our small collection. You had, before, given us an ample return for the small. this rather rare from me [illegible]; and this addition will give a new interest to our stock

In behalf of the University I truly thank you for this very telling specimen, & your name shall be entered in our catalogue with due honour.

The infirmity of old age & the great irritability of my sight very often compels me to write by the help of an amanuensis; but I rejoice to employ a few bright minutes of the first of May in writing this letter of thanks to you & wishing you all pleasant enjoyments of the advancing season I remain

Gratefully & truly yours

A Sedgwick

DSI

Cambridge Decr 28
1855

Dear Sir

I have just stumbled on a note from yourself dated Oct. 25. It was given to me as I was starting to my lecture room & I had only time to send you a verbal answer. I hope you did not think this uncourteous; & I am sure I did not mean to be uncourteous — Your note was mislaid & I forgot all about it. During no part of the

term

was I well, & since the 4th
of this month I have been so
stupified by a cold that I
have hardly answered any
of my letters before this week
began. I shall be happy to
see you or any of your friends
at my Lectures, if it please
God that I hereafter be
permitted to give any; I am

Dear Sir
very faithfully yours
Adam Sedgwick

Revd W. Robinson
Grenville Place

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Brix: C. M: Dec 28
1856

Dear Sir

This is Sunday
Morning: but I think it no
violation of the duties of this
holy day to write to you
(by very early candle light) a
letter of thanks for your Dis-
-course,, & to apologize for
not having sent my thanks
sooner. I have an old man's
memory. I put your Discourse,
among many pamphlets & recent
publications, on my study
table - fully intending to thank
you for it after I had read
it. I did read it; but

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I fear that I forgot my thanks and I now send them with all sincerity, tho' far too late — I must throw myself on your kindness & hope that you will receive them. As I am not a Hebrew scholar I have no right to offer any opinion on the critical part of your Discourse — The Astronomical part does not satisfy me: but I know well that the subject is involved in great difficulties; & I am certain that you have written in a truth loving spirit with which I hope

to be in sympathy so long as I live. Poor Hugh Miller (who has disappeared so mournfully) published about two years since an Address he had delivered (I think in Exeter Hall) on the subject of the Mosaic day. I dare say you have read it — If not it is well worthy of your perusal. My fingers are so cold I can hardly hold my pen, & I must prepare for morning chapel. I am

Dear Sir

very truly & gratefully yours

A Sedgwick

To

the Revd. William Robinson

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G. B Sowerby Esq
Regent Street

Adam Sedgwick
1785-1873

Prof Sedgwick
Cambridge

Sedgwick
Mar. 24/32

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Dear Sir

Your letter surprised me more than I can express. I never ordered Deshayes work of Levrault. When at Paris 4 or 5 years since I bought a certain number of the Livraisons of Deshayes himself. Since the work was continued I have from time to time rec.d the co.s that you have, & of which I suppo-sed that you transmitted them

with a certain profit as Dubois's agent. As far as regarded this work, such I supposed to be my relation to yourself. I am most anxious that you should not be put to trouble or expense on my acc^t and if you had stated what you have now done sooner no mistake could have arisen — I at least am not to blame for it. Unfortunately I have mislaid your last bill. Pray send it by the Post and I will discharge it. But in that case you must take care that the mistake be rectified, or perhaps it w^d be better to tell the Paris Bookseller to send the new Numbers in consequence of his irregularity. I mean to Freeman then for myself.

Very truly yours

A Sedgwick.

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Trin Coll: Wednesday
Mar: ? ——— March 1833

Dear Mr. Smyth.

My debt of oldest standing
is owing to Captain Smyth — whom I
have not yet thanked for the Canadian
Transactions, or for his information about
the state of the Club & the honors they
have done me. In thinking of the honor
& and some of its consequences I am, however,
ready to cry out with old Cardinal Wolsey.
"A load would sink a navy! too much honour:
"Oh! 'tis a burden, Cromwell, 'tis a burden,
"Too heavy for a man who has not a gizzard".
In short the Club almost ~~almost~~ made
me put off the mortal coil by their
first meeting. It was a full fortnight before
I recovered from the stimulating effects of
it. To bring a man of my cold phlegmatic
temperament among such ardent spirits

is like taking a water newt among a set
of salamanders. But no matter I am now
nearly well, tho' I stood a chance of being
dissipated. Before I next come to Bedford
I will take stimulants for a month
by way of preparation & then I flatter my-
-self I shall become a match for them.

Ammonites and Nautilites are not
rare in the secondary strata: but of the
parentage of yours I can say nothing without
more information. We know fossils as York-
-shire men know horses — by looking
in their mouths. Your gloves are however
of a good modern formation, tho' they
were none of mine; but I will keep
them & wear them for your sake!

I have forwarded De la Beche's table
of strata wh I hope you will do me
the favor to accept. I have also enclosed
a Tableau of old Brongniart after the
newest pattern of a French petticoat for
old Mother Earth. She will find herself

so smart that I fear the old lady will become
conceited in her old age. But the fault is
not mine. I had nothing to do with the cut of
the said petticoat; & you may copy the pattern
on your large board if it seem good unto you. After
you have done [with it], have the kindness to put it on
one side for me. It is a presentation copy [and]
belongs to another work by the same. [illegible]
& I therefore ought not to give it away — even
to a Lady who sends me gloves. What
a shameful thing to write so bad a hand
to a Lady! I never thought about it till
it was too late. Do me the honor to accept
a copy of my speeches — they are the most
readable things I have published. What
then must be the condition of the least
readable? After all, as to anything I have
written, 'tis only a question between brick-
-dust & sawdust. A drop of water may
however be sent in good will & will be taken.
As soon as I can find time I will look out
for some fossils for your juvenile cabinets
& I will at the same time return the Canadian
Transactions

to the Captain. When you next write, if I understand again to have the honor of a note from you, which I very little deserve after writing in so bad a hand – pray put down the names of your children from oldest to youngest. For the present give my best love to all of them & believe me

Most truly yours A. Sedgwick

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